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## BEAVERTON TEEN IDOL SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

***- Tickets on sale for \$5 for performance at Beaverton City Library -***

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The Beaverton Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) and partner Portland Teen Idol completed auditions for Beaverton Teen Idol. While in search for the best pop voice in Beaverton, the teen idol event will help raise funds for HomePlate Youth services to combat youth homelessness.

There were a record number of students at this year's tryouts, which made for a competitive selection process. MYAB accepted 18 semi-finalists who will compete April 19 from 1-3 p.m., at the Beaverton City Library Auditorium (12375 SW Fifth Street). The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds will benefit HomePlate Youth Services.

Semi-finalists include: McKenna Albion, Brooklyn Atack, Kelsey Bentz, Brianna Braukmann, Evan Hathaway, Tristan Herrera, Dana Hicks, Scyon Lucas, Samhita Meghashyam, Jade Milner, Megan Moore, Savannah Panah, Kaiya Pelletier, Jesse Rosario, Joshua Simon, Jahlett Tofi, Chih-Nhan Vo, and Kevin White.

For more information, please visit [www.BeavertonTeenIdol.org](http://www.BeavertonTeenIdol.org).

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is currently in search of prize donations and sponsorships to help raise additional funds for the event. For more information about HomePlate Youth Services, please visit [www.HomePlateYouth.org](http://www.HomePlateYouth.org).

MYAB was established in 2000 to provide a voice for youth in the Beaverton community. The committee reports to the Mayor and City Council on issues of concern to youth. MYAB's mission is to serve the common good of the community and provide a voice for youth in decisions and policies of the city. MYAB focuses on community service projects, promoting youth activism, and youth involvement. The committee is made up of 30 members from Beaverton-area high schools.

For information about MYAB or to apply, please visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/MYAB](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/MYAB) or contact Kate Taylor at 503-526-2227 or [MailboxMayorMYAB@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:MailboxMayorMYAB@BeavertonOregon.gov).

**ABOUT BEAVERTON**

In 2014, Beaverton was again recognized as the **safest city in Oregon** as well as the **safest city** in the entire Pacific Northwest. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. For more information, reminders and community news, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov), like the City of Beaverton on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton](http://www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton), or follow on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton](http://www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton).

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